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City of Miami Gardens Welcomes Internationally Acclaimed Artists FLAVOUR and IVELISSE SANTOS at AMAC Benefit Concert

The AMAC committee will host its Pre Gala Concert and inaugural AMAC Night Gala on August 28th and August 29th in Miami Gardens.

MIAMI GARDENS, FL – August 17, 2015 – The **City of Miami Gardens Councilman Erhabor Ighodaro** is leading the effort to establish an African Museum and Cultural Center in Miami Gardens with the development of the **African Museum of Arts & Culture (AMAC) Center**.

The AMAC committee will begin its inaugural fundraising activities to support the development of the museum with the **Pre Gala Concert** featuring award-winning artist **Flavour**. “La Jefe Del Merengue” **Ivelisse Santos** is also among the multi-genre lineup of concert performers that includes **M.O.G.**(hip-hop), **Filon Jay** (hip-hop), **Erinosho John** (jazz), **Ayanbirin** (Afro-soul), and **Rachel Louissaint** (kompa). The **Pre Gala Concert** will be held on **Friday, August 28th, 11:00 p.m. at the Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex, located at 3000 NW 199th Street, Miami Gardens 33056**. Tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite at www.AMACBenefitConcert.eventbrite.com. A press conference will take place on August 27th, 1PM at the Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex.

The weekend culminates with the main event, **AMAC Night**, a fundraising gala and award ceremony honoring local dignitaries, philanthropists, business and community leaders. The program will be held on **Saturday August 29th, 7:00 PM – 2:00 AM at the Nine O One Event and Conference Center, located at 901 NW 183rd Street, Miami Gardens, FL 33169**. Tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/amac-night-fundraiser-tickets-16643552313?aff=es2>.

An initiative of our Miami-Dade County District 1 **Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan** and **Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners**, the AMAC center is a proposed 5-6 million dollar project that is expected to house the largest collection of indigenous African art and artifacts outside of the African continent.

The promise of the AMAC center for promoting tourism, international exchanges and economic growth and enrichment for the local Miami Gardens community is unquestionable. The City of Miami Gardens is one of the most culturally diverse cities in South Florida, and the largest city in Florida with a majority African

American population. It is a natural host city for the premier museum of African culture in Miami-Dade County. Pre Gala Concert tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite ranging from \$50 - \$120. Local artists will also have the opportunity to display their talents in the ***Got Talent*** segment of the night's entertainment from 6pm to 8pm. The most talented artist or group could win a \$250 cash prize and trophy, plus an opportunity to take the stage with featured artist Flavour during his performance later in the evening. The registration for solo artists is \$25, groups (less than 5) are \$50 and large groups are \$75. The competition categories are 8-12 years, 13-18 years and 18 and above.

"Culture is the bedrock of any civilization. Wherever you find a thriving culture, there is economic activity generated for the local community. It is exciting to see Miami Gardens growing as a magnet for local and international cultural activity," explains Councilman Ighodaro. Please visit www.AMACBenefitConcert.eventbrite.com for more information.

About the City of Miami Gardens

The City of Miami Gardens was incorporated on May 13, 2003, and is the 33rd city in Miami-Dade County. With a population of approximately 110,000, it is the third largest city in Miami-Dade County. Miami Gardens is a solid, working and middle class community of unique diversity. It is the largest predominantly African-American municipality in Florida and boasts many Caribbean and Hispanic residents. The City hosted the 2010 FedEx Orange Bowl, the 2010 NFL Pro Bowl™, Super Bowl XLIV™, 2013 Orange Bowl and 2013 BCS National Championship game. The City has demonstrated steady growth in the areas of community and economic development, and has gained a reputation for being a hot destination in South Florida. www.miamigardens-fl.gov.

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